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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Satoh, Capote et al., Japanese 55-65217, Young and Jackson.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation sheet.

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Continuation Sheet

1. Re 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, rejection:

The amendment of the claims referring to a “curable compound” to the supported “curable monomeric compound, polymeric compound, or resin,” the reversion to the original language of the first composition curing at the lower curing temperature without curing the second composition at the higher curing temperature, and the deletion of the requirement that the second composition contains a curable compound and curing initiator or curing agent different from those in the first composition would resolve the issues raised on pages 2-4 of the non-Final rejection mailed

November 5, 2004.

2. Re 35 U.S.C. 102(a or b) and 103(a) rejections:

The DSC profiles for Satoh et al. and Jackson are presented in the declaration file September 29, 2004 and will be reviewed to corroborate the compositions tested with those found in the examples of the patents.

The declaration was not addressed in the non-Final rejection. The declaration will be referred to in the response to the non-Final rejection and possibly augmented by the inclusion of additional DSC profiles for the untested closest prior art examples in Capote et al. and Young.

Japanese Patent No. 55-65217 in the translation submitted March 5, 2004 on page 3, the fourth full paragraph states that “[t]he subsequent heat curing will result in curing of the epoxy resin and progress of the reaction of the maleimide compounds to induce complete curing and formation of a cured product with high heat resistance.” This suggests the incomplete curing of the maleimide compound before the complete curing of the epoxy resin.

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